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1. THE PREPCOM FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT
BREEZED THROUGH ITS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS IN THREE DAYS,
TWO DAYS EARLIER THAN SCHEDULED, WITHOUT MAJOR CONTROVERSY.
VIRTUALLY ALL 54 MEMBERS ATTENDED EACH MEETING, AS WELL
AS 5-10 NON-MEMBERS. CHAIRMAN ORTIZ DE ROZAS MOVED QUICKLY
TO SET A BUSINESSLIKE TONE AND TO ESTABLISH A STRONG
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PERSONAL ROLE FOR HIMSELF IN WORKING OUT COMPROMISES
THROUGH INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. VIRTUALLY ALL DELEGATIONS
LEFT SATISFIED THAT PREPARATORY PROCESS IS OFF TO A GOOD
START, WITH A MINIMUM OF PUBLIC POSTURING AND BICKERING.

2. ASIDE FROM ACTIONS REPORTED REFTTEL, PREPCOM ELECTED
EIGHT VICE-CHAIRMEN (AUSTRALIA, BAHAMAS, IRAN, JAPAN,

NIGERIA, NORWAY, POLAND, AND YUGOSLAVIA) AND RAPPORTEUR (SAAD ALFARARGI OF EGYPT). ROMANIA FINALLY WITHDREW MARCH 30 FROM COMPETITION FOR EAST EUROPEAN SEAT ON BUREAU, REPORTEDLY AFTER EXTRACTING A COMMITMENT FROM THE GROUP TO GIVE IT PREFERENCE FOR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL POSTS (SUCH AS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS) THAT MIGHT COME UP IN FUTURE. COMMITTEE ALSO REQUESTED SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE THREE BASIC BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: (A) A COMPILATION OF UNGA DISARMAMENT RESOLUTIONS, (B) A DOCUMENT ON "PRINCIPLES IN EXISTENCE OR PROPOSED" CONCERNING DISARMAMENT AND DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS, AND (C) A DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING MACHINERY AND STRUCTURES FOR DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. ASSISTANT SYG BJOURNERSTEDT TOLD DELOFF THAT THE FIRST OF THESE DOCUMENTS WOULD BE SELECTIVE COMPIATION, OMITTING ESSENTIALLY PROCEDURAL AND OUTDATED TOPICAL RESOLUTIONS. SECOND DOCUMENT WILL BASICALLY INCLUDE 1961 ZORIN-MCCLOY PRINCIPLES AND VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT. COMMITTEE ALSO AUTHORIZED SECRETARIAT TO USE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IT TO HIRE ANY NEEDED CONSULTANTS TO HELP PREPARE THESE DOCUMENTS (AND SUBSEQUENTLY OTHER STUDIES THAT MAY BE REQUESTED).

3. ISSUE OF APPROPRIATE ROLE, IF ANY, FOR NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION WAS RAISED BY ORTIZ, WHO SAID HE HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROACHED BY SEVERAL SEEKING PERMISSION TO "PARTICIPATE". MOST WESTERN, EAST EUROPEAN, AND EVEN NONALIGNED DELEGATIONS TOOK GENERALLY HOSTILE LINE IN PRIVATE TALKS ON NGO PARTICIPATION. AGREEMENT WAS, HOWEVER, NEARLY REACHED ON A PACKAGE WITH THREE ELEMENTS: (A) RESTATEMENT OF RIGHT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ANY DELEGATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL UN PRACTICE, TO SUBMIT WORKING PAPERS, AND RECOGNITION THAT SUCH PAPERS COULD INCLUDE MATERIALS OR DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY NGOS THAT A DELEGATION CONSIDERED OF VALUE TO THE WORK OF THE PREPCOM OF SPECIAL SESSION; (B) PROVISION THAT THE SECRETARIAT MAINTAIN AND PERIODICALLY CIRCULATE TO MEMBERS AN INDEX OF NGO DOCUMENTS IT HAS RECEIVED, WHICH WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ANY INTERESTED DELEGATION, AND (C) AGREEMENT TO PLACE A TABLE OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE ROOM WHERE NGOS COULD LEAVE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS. IN THE END, ORTIZ DECIDED NOT TO TRY TO PRESS EVEN THESE MODEST STEPS. INSTEAD, HE SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE AIM OF PRESENTING TO THE PREPCOM ON MAY 9 A PROPOSAL THAT COULD BE "IMMEDIATELY APPROVED BY CONSENSUS".

4. RELATIVELY LITTLE DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON LONGER RANGE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. THE 10 MEMBERS OF THE NONALIGNED CORE GROUP ON SPECIAL SESSION ISSUES HELD SEVERAL MEETINGS AIMED AT WORKING OUT A GENERAL NONALIGNED

PAPER (ON THE BASIS OF THE YUGOSLAV PAPER) TO SERVE AS
"INTERNAL GUIDANCE" FOR NONALIGNED DELEGATIONS IN
PREPARING THEIR RESPONSES TO THE SYG ON SPECIAL SESSION
ISSUES. AS OF MARCH 30 THEY HAD NOT COMPLETED THIS TASK.

5. THE SOVIETS LAY LOW THROUGHOUT THE MEETINGS, AND DID
NOT SPEAK, ALTHOUGH FOUR OFFICIALS (INCLUDING ROLAND
TIMBERAEV) HAD BEEN SENT FROM MOSCOW FOR THE SESSION. GDR
SPOKE AT ONE POINT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSENSUS AND THE
UNDESIRABILITY OF ALLOWING NGO PARTICIPATION, BUT OTHER-
WISE THE SOVIET BLOC SEEMED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO RISK
FURTHER ANTAGONIZING THE NONALIGNED BY REITERATING "WELL
KNOWN" POSITIONS.

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